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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER.....carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSESHouse & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT.....legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1770 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33:
Agricultural Development Grant Program, a Late-filed Major
Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry**

**RESOLVE 96
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-661

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 33: Agricultural Development Grant Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-661)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 96 adopts portions of Chapter 33: Agricultural Development Grant Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The rule adopted pursuant to this resolve changes department designations based on the department reorganization. The rule adopted pursuant to this resolve also allows individuals, firms or organizations to submit proposals under the Special Projects section of Chapter 33, in response to Public Law 2013, chapter 64.

Resolve 2013, chapter 96 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 22, 2014.

LD 1777 **Resolve, To Amend the Resolve To Promote the Expansion of the Maine
Maple Sugar Industry**

RESOLVE 102

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP	

This resolve authorizes the task force convened pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 132 to develop strategies to address obstacles to the expansion of Maine's maple sugar industry to continue its work during the interim between the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature and the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The resolve changes the deadline for the final report of the task force from December 4, 2013 to January 15, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 102 authorizes the task force convened pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 132 to develop strategies to address obstacles to the expansion of Maine's maple sugar industry to continue its work during the interim between the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature and the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The law changes the deadline for the final report of the task force from December 4, 2013 to January 15, 2015.